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VIENNA FOR US DEL MBFR

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTE WHICH TURKISH REP
(TULUMEN) DREW ON DURING SPC'S FEBRUARY 1 DISCUSSION
OF HOW ALLIES MIGHT MOVE ON MEASURES FOR THE FLANKS (DETAILS
SEPTEL).

BEGIN TEXT:

1. IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT CM(73)83(FINAL), CONTAINING
THE GUIDELINES, THE ALLIED POSITION, NEGOTIATING STRATEGY AND
PROCEDURES AND INTRA-ALLIANCE COORDINATION, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
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2. PARAGRAPHS 17 AND 22 ARE THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATED TO
THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE FLANK COUNTRIES AND TO THE INDI-
VISIBILITY OF THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE. PARAGRAPH 30 IS
DESIGNED TO EXPRESS THE MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION

OR THE REALIZATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE LOGIC OF THIS DOCUMENT, IF IT TRIES TO LIMIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES BY THEIR MERE REPETITION IN THE FORM OF A PROVISION IN THE AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED IN VIENNA, AS PROPOSED BY THE US DELEGATION.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, TO PUT ASIDE PARAGRAPH 30 WHILE STUDYING IN DETAIL THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 29 WOULD MEAN A DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE SECURITY INTEREST OF THE FLANK COUNTRIES AND WE HOPE THIS IS NOT THE INTENTION OF ANY DELEGATION AROUND THIS TABLE.

4. THE CRITERIA FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OR THE REJECTION OF A PROPOSAL MADE BY AN ALLIED COUNTRY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE SHOULD BE THE SECURITY INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE OR THAT OF ITS MEMBERS. IN OUR PAPER WE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT OUR PROBLEM IS ALSO A PROBLEM OF THE ALLIANCE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS NOT CHALLENGED BY ANY OF US, THERE ONLY REMAINS THE PROBLEM OF A POSSIBLE DEMAND OF THE SOVIETS FOR RECIPROCITY.

5. WE COULD UNDERSTAND SUCH AN ARGUMENT IF IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILE MAKING EACH PROPOSAL TO THE OTHER SIDE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS ARGUMENT IS APPLIED ONLY IN THIS MATTER. NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT A GENERAL APPLICATION OF THIS ARGUMENT WOULD BE VERY MUCH TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE ALLIANCE.

6. IN THE PAST IT WAS SAID THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY FOR THE SOVIETS TO KEEP THE WITHDRAWN SOVIET FORCES IN THE WESTERN EUROPEAN DISTRICTS RATHER THAN REDEPLOYING THEM ON THE FLANK AREAS. IF THIS HAPPENS TO BE THE CASE, SOME ALLIED COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, MIGHT WISH TO HAVE CERTAIN COLLATERAL MEASURES APPLIED TO THESE DISTRICTS. THEN, WHAT WOULD BE THE REACTION OF THE UNITED STATES? IN OTHER WORDS, IS IT THEIR POLICY TO KEEP ALL SOVIET TERRITORIES OUT OF THE CONSTRAINTS AREA BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF RECIPROCITY? IF NOT, WE CAN ASSURE YOU IN ADVANCE THAT WE WILL NOT ACCEPT A FURTHER DISCRIMINATION ON THE FLANK COUNTRIES BY MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE WEST-
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ERN DISTRICTS OF USSR AND OTHER DISTRICTS ADJACENT TO THE FLANK COUNTRIES.

7. YOU HAVE OUR VIEWS ON THE TABLE. WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD THE OFFICIAL REACTION OF SOME INTERESTED COUNTRIES. AS I SAID BEFORE, WE ARE OPEN TO CONSIDER ANY CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL TO COME FROM ANY DELEGATION, ESPECIALLY FROM OTHER FLANK COUNTRIES, SO LONG AS IT MEETS OUR PREOCCUPATIONS.

8. AS REGARD THE US PROPOSAL, AT THIS STAGE, WE CAN ONLY CONSIDER CONSECUTIVE INTERVENTIONS TO BE MADE AT THE PLENARIES. OUR PREFERENCE IS TO SEE FIRST A DIRECT PARTICIPANT TO INTRODUCE THE MATTER AND THEN THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPLAIN THE DETAILS. MAYBE OTHER FLANK COUNTRIES WOULD DO THE SAME BY DEVELOPING

CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

9. NATURALLY, BEFORE COMMITTING OURSELVES TO THIS IDEA WE WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WOULD BE OUR LIMITS IN GOING INTO DETAILS.
GENERAL STATEMENTS ALONE COULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

10. IT IS NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT WHILE MAKING INTERVENTIONS AT THE
PLENARIES WE WOULD CONTINUE OUR STUDIES ON PARA. 30 HERE IN
BRUSSELS.

END TEXT.
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